

1 Plaintiff's Fair Labor Standards Act ("FLSA") claim. While there is no controlling authority on this
2 question, this Court joins the majority of Ninth Circuit Courts that consider motions to seal a motion
3 to approve settlement and the accompanying settlement agreement under the compelling reasons
4 standard. *See e.g., Luo v. Zynga Inc.*, WL 5814763, at *2 (N.D. Cal. Oct. 29, 2013). Plaintiff argues
5 in favor of sealing the records in order to protect Defendant's privacy, and because publicizing the
6 settlement agreement would encourage further litigation from potential Plaintiffs. As to Defendant's
7 concerns about encouraging further litigation, this rationale was explicitly rejected in *Kamakana*, so
8 the Court will not consider it. The only other support Defendant offers is its privacy interest, which
9 the Court acknowledges is substantial. However, a generalized assertion of privacy interest is not by
10 itself a compelling reason to seal public records. The Court will therefore deny Defendant's motion.

11 IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Defendant's motion to seal (ECF No. 34) is DENIED.
12 The Clerk shall UNSEAL the parties' joint motion to approve settlement (ECF No. 35).

13 DATED: August 2, 2017.

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16 C.W. Hoffman, Jr.
United States Magistrate Judge
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